



Historic District Commission

1 Full (Attorney), 2 Alternates (Realtor & Resident)

This commission, in conjunction with the Planning Department, oversees 71 properties in the Town's two historic districts. Its purpose is to preserve and protect the distinctive characteristics of buildings and places significant to the history of the Town, to maintain and improve the settings of those buildings and places and to encourage compatibility with existing buildings when new buildings are planned in the districts.

The commission is comprised of 12 members, 7 of which are full members and are required to be an attorney, an architect, a realtor, a member of the Historical Society, a resident of the districts and two members at large. The remaining five members are alternates and are required to be an attorney, an architect, a realtor, a member of the Historical Society and a resident of the districts.

The Commission meets the second Wednesday of each month, and alternates attend regularly.



Disability Commission

No vacancies

The disability commission researches local problems of people with disabilities, advises and assists municipal employees in ensuring compliance with applicable laws and regulations that affect people with disabilities, coordinates programs designed to meet the problems of people with disabilities, and provides information, referrals, guidance and technical assistance on matters pertaining to disabilities to any inquiring entities.

The majority of the nine member commission is comprised of people with disabilities, one person must be an immediate relative of a person with a disability and one person must be an elected or appointed official of the Town.



Conservation Commission

No vacancies

The Commission reviews proposed work or alteration falling within 125 feet of resource areas, i.e. fresh water wetland, ponds, rivers, streams, inland banks bordering on river, creek, stream, pond or any lake, also, any proposed work within 100-year Flood Zone, isolated land subject to flooding, and river front area.

The Commission's review of these activities may result in the issuance of a permit (usually with conditions) or the denial of an activity if the activity cannot meet specific performance standards intended to protect or enhance public or private water supply, ground water, wildlife habitat, fisheries, recreation, and flood control, and/or to prevent erosion and/or sedimentation, storm damage and water pollution.

The Commission also grants approval of board permits needed for any work or alterations on Town conservation land.

The Commission typically meets every other Wednesday.



Council on Aging

No Vacancies

The Council on Aging functions pursuant to MGL c. 40, s. 8b for the purpose of coordinating or carrying out programs designed to meet the needs of the Town's aging population in coordination with the programs of the Commonwealth's Commission on Aging.

For additional information, please contact Mary Parcher, Director of the Callahan Senior Center, at 508/620-4819.

Town Of Framingham

GET INVOLVED IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT!

COMMITTEE POSITIONS AVAILABLE

The Board of Selectmen will be appointing members to the following committees as needed:

**Community Development Committee
Fair Housing Committee
Economic Development and
Industrial Corporation (E.D.I.C.)
Zoning Board of Appeals
Cultural Council
Loring Arena Committee
Park Commission
Cable Advisory Committee
Board of Public Works
Planning Board – Associate
Human Relations Commission
Cushing Chapel Board of Trustees
Disability Commission
Historical Commission
Conservation Commission
Historic District Commission
Board of Health
Council on Aging**

Vacancies as of 12/22/05

Any Framingham resident interested in serving in a position should call the Board of Selectmen at 508-532-5400 for an application or download one from the Town's website at www.FraminghamMA.gov.



Community Development Committee

No Vacancies

The CDC works in cooperation with the Planning Department to satisfy the citizen participation requirements of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, holds public hearings to obtain views of citizens on community development and housing needs, provides citizens with adequate opportunities to participate in the development, implementation and evaluation of the Community Development Program and recommends to the Selectmen an annual Community Development Plan consisting of a statement of Community Development Objectives and Projected Use of Funds.

The Community Development Committee has a varied meeting schedule.



Fair Housing Committee

2 Positions

This commission works in collaboration with the Town Fair Housing Officer and the Director of Community and Human Relations, to promote access to decent, safe, and, to the maximum extent feasible, affordable housing for all segments of the community. The Fair Housing Committee accomplishes this through the study of issues, public education and advocacy.

The Commission is comprised of 13 members. Four members are ex-officio appointments for one year terms and represent the Human Relations Commission, the Planning Department, the Planning Board and the Framingham Housing Authority. The nine other members should be broadly representative of segments of the community, active and interested in the housing market.

The Fair Housing Committee generally meets the first Wednesday of the month from the fall through June.



Zoning Board of Appeals

2 Associate Positions

The Zoning bylaws authorize the Board to issue Special Permits for regulated uses, consider Variances for proposed relief and hear appeals of the decisions of the Building Commissioner.

Full members are appointed for three year terms. Associate members are appointed annually and may be designated by the ZBA Chairman to sit on said Board because of the vacancy, inability to act, conflict of interest, or absence of a regular member.

The Board meets the first and third Tuesday of every month, and associate members attend regularly.



E.D.I.C.

The seven member E.D.I.C. works with the Town to plan for and carry out economic development in Town where it is most critically needed. The committee encourages investment that will in turn attract other investment and ultimately enhance long-term economic vitality and improve the quality of life for residents and the climate for businesses.

Current economic development plans include supporting the Downtown Manager, adopting and implementing the Downtown Framingham Economic Development Strategic Plan, working with the Assessor and Building Commissioner and other Town officials to encourage improvement of underdeveloped downtown properties, supporting small business development and working with the Chamber of Commerce to further the goals of downtown real estate owners.

For additional information, contact Sam Swisher, Community Development Coordinator at 508/620-4855.



Cultural Council

15 Positions

The mission of the Cultural Council is "to promote excellence, access, education and diversity in the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences, in order to improve the quality of life for all Massachusetts residents and to contribute to the economic vitality of our communities." The Cultural Council receives funding from the Massachusetts Cultural Council and re-grants these funds to individuals, schools and non-profit organizations in the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences in the community.

The Cultural Council generally meets once a month on a Monday evening. Meetings are more frequent during grant season.



Loring Arena Committee

No Vacancies

The Loring Arena Committee is comprised of seven members and acts in an advisory capacity to the Town Manager. Its purposes include meeting with the Loring Arena Director to review ongoing operations at the arena, assisting in developing long range and capital plans and carrying out its mission statement, which is to contribute to the overall recreation program for the Town of Framingham by ensuring the arena is a source of pride to the community while passing along as little cost to the Town as possible.

The committee meets once a month.



Park Commission

The Park Commission is a five-member board and has jurisdiction over park lands and recreation programs, establishes policies governing department operations including park usage, fees and registration policies, hears reports from the professional staff on maintenance, recreation services and special projects and entertains special requests from the public on unusual circumstances.

The Park Commission meets on a monthly basis or more often when needed.



Cable Advisory Committee

The role of the Cable Advisory Committee is to ensure the provisions of the Town's two cable television contracts are implemented, serve as a liaison between cable customers and the cable companies providing feedback and acting in the role of ombudsman and to act in an advisory capacity to the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager for issues that may require direct intervention of Town administration.

This committee meets either the first or second Monday of each month.



Board of Public Works

This board is comprised of three members and acts in an advisory capacity to the Board of Selectmen and the Town Manager in the areas of public policy and long-range planning of public works facilities and services. The board also holds hearings as required by law, town bylaws, or rules and regulations that come before the department for comment, recommendation or approval and carries out any responsibilities assigned to it by the Board of Selectmen.

The board meets every other week or more frequently.



Planning Board – Associate

The Planning Board reviews commercial, industrial and residential development plans and grants Subdivision, Site Plan Review and Special Permit approvals with the authority of the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 41, Subdivision of Control Law, Chapter 40A, Zoning Act, and the Framingham Zoning Bylaw.

The Board meets every Tuesday, and associate members should be available as an alternate member for public hearings when one of the elected Planning Board members is unable to participate in the hearings or vote on a particular proposal.



Human Relations Commission

5 Positions

The Human Relations Commission deals with "the causes of inter-group disunity, including, but not limited to, the elimination of conditions of bias, discrimination, and prejudice against minority groups, and to establish affirmative action programs to ensure equal enforcement of law, for all groups regardless of race, color, religious creed, sex, age, national ancestry, and disability."

The Commission meets the second Thursday of every month.



Cushing Chapel Board of Trustees

4 Positions

This board is advisory to the Board of Selectmen and oversees the use of the Chapel, evaluates its efficiency and effectiveness, develops strategy and participates with the Town in active efforts to generate financial resources, recommends its budget, capital improvements and maintenance projects and monitors the provisions of activities and services for compliance with the terms and conditions of agreements.

The Cushing Chapel Board of Trustees meets as necessary.



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Historical Commission

1 Position

The Historical Commission is a five member board chartered under state law for the "preservation, protection, and development" of the Town's historical assets. The commission maintains the Town's inventory of Cultural Resources, administers the Demolition Delay Bylaw, promotes historic preservation and approves historic markers for early homes and historic buildings.

The Historical Commission meets monthly, and holds occasional public hearings as required by the Demolition Delay Bylaw.